Louisville Metro Council Neighborhood Development Fund City Agency Request

June 14, 2006

By:

Hal Heiner

Councilman/woman Date
Amount: <u>\$4,500</u>
For (include public purpose): Match funding for Metro Park's project in converting a 5-acre site, currently mown area, to a "Savannah Valley" as proposed in the Miles Park Master Plan. (For details, see attached document)
District 19's portion will be used for site preparation.
Location: William F. Miles Park, Shelbyville Road and Miles Park Way, east of I-265
City Agency: Louisville Metro Parks
Contact Person: Bennett Knox
Agency Address: 11311 Mitchell Hill Road, Fairdale, KY 40118
Agency Phone: 502-368-6856
I have reviewed this request for an expenditure of city tax dollars, and have determined that the funds will be used for a public purpose.
Signature of Councilman/woman Date
Approved by Appropriations Committee on: Appropriations Committee Chair
Appropriations Committee Chair

OFFICE OF METRO COUNCIL CLERK
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DATE 7/11/06 TIME: 11:20am

Ott, Stephen

From: Knox, Bennett

Sent: Friday, June 02, 2006 2:02 PM

To: Heiner, Hal

Cc: Brown, Jerry L.; Ott, Stephen

Subject: RE: Got Brightside First Place!!

Councilman Heiner,

Thanks so much for your willingness to support this project. Here are the details. If you need more information, please don't hesitate let me know.

The project consists of a partnership between Middletown Elementary and Louisville Metro Parks for the mutual benefit of Miles Park and students from the school. The project will result in conversion of a 5-acre, currently mown area to a savannah valley as proposed in the Miles Park Master Plan. This proposed site is located just south and west of the eastern park boundary. The project will be accomplished through site preparation (e.g., mechanical removal and herbicide treatment to eliminate unwanted competing vegetation and invasive species) followed by planting of native hardwood trees. The work will be performed through a combination of contractor support (site preparation and control of invasive species, planting of caliper-size trees); volunteer support (planting of containerized trees); and Metro Parks staff support (seeding of native grasses/wildflowers). An project also contains an education component whereby technology students from Middletown Elementary will be introduced to basic geographical information systems (GIS) software capabilities with assistance from Metro Parks staff. Students will use GIS to map tree locations and will also collect basic tree data. This information will be used to create a spreadsheet and map of the project area for future reference.

\$4,500 has already been dedicated to the project for purchase of trees (both containerized shrubs/trees and 2" caliper trees). In addition, Middletown Elementary has additional funding for purchase of associated equipment for the technology component of the project (e.g., purchase of a laptop computer, etc...)

We are proposing to use the \$4,500 from your office for cost associated with site preparation. These activities will ensure the trees planted in the project area have a high rate of survival and will also ensure that the site is not overtaken by invasive plant species (bush honeysuckle, fescue) that currently occupy the site. We propose to spend these funds as follows:

\$4,500 - Landscaping contractor support for mechanical removal of invasive bush honeysuckle along 750 feet of fence row; associated herbicide treatment of cut stumps; and herbicide treatment of other competing vegetation (e.g., fescue) within the project area. Ideally removal of bush honesuckle will be completed by the beginning of August prior to seed development. This \$4,500 will also fund follow-up spot-spraying in the spring to ensure complete control of bush honeysuckle in the project area.

We anticipate that this project will be completed by the spring of 2007.

Sincerely,

Bennett Knox

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From: Heiner, Hal

Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2006 11:12 AM

6/14/2006

To: Heitz, Mike

Cc: Knox, Bennett; Brown, Jerry L.; Ott, Stephen

Subject: RE: Got Brightside First Place!!

Mike,

I would like to help on the \$4,500 matching basis. Please send over the detail on the proposed project (i.e. location plan, details on the number and types of trees, other improvements) and I will get the funding paperwork moving.

Thank you for your groups efforts on raising outside funding.

Hal

